

# Short-Term High Income Fund

(Formerly the Short-Term High Yield Bond Fund)

Inst: STYIX | Admin: WDHYX | A: SSTHX | C: WFHYX

## Asset class: Taxable Fixed Income

### OVERALL MORNINGSTAR RATING™,†



Out of 594 High Yield Bond funds. An investment's Overall Morningstar Rating™, based on its risk-adjusted return, is a weighted average of its applicable 3-, 5-, and 10-year ratings.

### THE FUND

The Allspring Short-Term High Income Fund seeks current income by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of non-investment-grade corporate debt securities with an average maturity of three years or less.

### FUND STRATEGY

- Seeks to generate competitive short-term yields by investing in BB-rated and B-rated corporate debt securities with an average effective maturity of less than three years.
- Focuses on higher-quality, below-investment-grade corporate debt securities and seeks lower volatility than the funds in the high-yield bond and bank-loan categories.
- Uses a bottom-up security selection process that subjects companies to rigorous quantitative and qualitative analysis to assess their ability to fulfill debt obligations and to identify securities that offer the best total return potential while also meeting our low-volatility criteria.

### FUND MANAGERS

Name	Yrs experience
Michael Schueller, CFA	26
Chris Lee, CFA	23

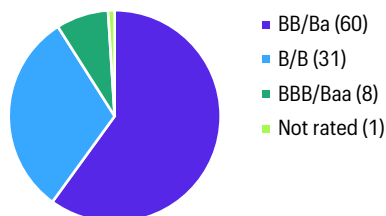
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Expense ratios (%)	Gross	Net
Institutional Shares	0.58	0.51
Administrator Shares	0.85	0.66
Class A Shares	0.90	0.82
Class C Shares	1.65	1.57

## Competitive advantages

- Rigorous corporate debt analysis: Security selection is conducted by a team of corporate credit analysts that have extensive experience in the research, trading, and portfolio management of below-investment-grade debt.
- Disciplined risk management: The team uses proprietary risk management tools that are designed to balance alpha generation with appropriate levels of risk-adjusted return and comprehensive risk management.
- Open work environment: The team benefits from an open work environment in which investment management professionals in varying capacities interact continuously throughout the day. This includes partnerships with economists and various taxable fixed-income teams who provide valuable perspectives for measuring several differing sectors of the fixed-income markets.

## Credit quality (%)<sup>1</sup>



The percentages of the fund's portfolio with the ratings depicted in the chart are calculated based on total investments of the fund. If a security was rated by all three rating agencies, the middle rating was used. If rated by two of three rating agencies, the lower rating was used, and if rated by one of the agencies, that rating was used. Credit quality and maturity distribution are subject to change and may have changed since the date specified. Percent total may not add to 100% due to rounding.

## Maturity distribution (%)

Maturity distribution	(%)
0 - 1 year	25
1 - 3 years	43
3 - 5 years	30
5 - 10 years	1

## Annual Returns

Total returns (%)	3 Month	YTD	Annualized			
			1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
Institutional Shares <sup>2</sup>	1.70	3.11	7.13	3.35	4.15	3.51
Administrator Shares	1.53	3.03	6.97	3.20	3.99	3.36
Class A Shares	1.49	2.82	6.80	3.04	3.83	3.19
<i>Including sales charge</i>	-1.56	-0.27	3.59	2.00	3.20	2.88
Class C Shares	1.30	2.43	6.00	2.27	3.03	2.58
<i>Including sales charge</i>	0.30	1.43	5.00	2.27	3.03	2.58
ICE BofA 1-3 Year BB U.S. Cash Pay High Yield Index <sup>3</sup>	1.43	2.85	8.11	3.07	3.99	3.99
Lipper Short High Yield Funds <sup>4</sup>	1.30	2.87	8.74	2.82	3.50	3.09

**Figures quoted represent past performance, which is no guarantee of future results, and do not reflect taxes that a shareholder may pay on an investment in a fund.** Investment return, principal value, and yields of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance shown without sales charges would be lower if sales charges were reflected. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted and assumes the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Current month-end performance is available at the funds' website, [allspringglobal.com](http://allspringglobal.com). Administrator and Institutional Class shares are sold without a front-end sales charge or contingent deferred sales charge. For Class A, the maximum front-end sales charge is 3.00%. For Class C, the maximum contingent deferred sales charge is 1.00%. Performance shown without sales charges would be lower if sales charges were reflected. Performance including sales charge assumes the sales charge for the corresponding time period.

The manager has contractually committed through 12-31-2024, to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses to the extent necessary to cap the fund's total annual fund operating expenses after fee waivers at 0.81%(A), 1.56%(C), 0.65%(Admin) and 0.50%(I). Brokerage commissions, stamp duty fees, interest, taxes, acquired fund fees and expenses (if any), and extraordinary expenses are excluded from the expense cap. Prior to or after the commitment expiration date, the cap may be increased or the commitment to maintain the cap may be terminated only with the approval of the Board of Trustees. Without this cap, the fund's returns would have been lower. The expense ratio paid by an investor is the net expense ratio (the total annual fund operating expenses after fee waivers) as stated in the prospectus.



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Top holdings (%)	Percent
American Airlines, Inc., 5.50, 4-20-2026	1.81
CCO Holdings, LLC, 5.13, 5-1-2027	1.75
Celanese US Holdings LLC, 6.05, 3-15-2025	1.57
Northriver Midstream Finance LP, 5.63, 2-15-2026	1.57
Dave & Buster's, Inc., 7.63, 11-1-2025	1.43
Kinetik Holdings LP, 6.63, 12-15-2028	1.32
FTAI Aviation Ltd., 5.50, 5-1-2028	1.29
OneMain Finance Corporation, 7.13, 3-15-2026	1.28
Air Canada, 10.50, 7-15-2026	1.26
Tallgrass Energy Partners, L.P., 6.00, 3-1-2027	1.25

Portfolio holdings are subject to change and may have changed since the date specified. The holdings listed should not be considered recommendations to purchase or sell a particular security.

Fund characteristics	Fund	ICE BofA 1-3 Year BB U.S. Cash Pay High Yield Index <sup>3</sup>
Effective duration	1.58 years	1.70 years
Portfolio turnover	46.98%	—
Number of holdings	177	170

## Fund information

**Advisor:** Allspring Funds Management, LLC

**Sub-Advisor:** Allspring Global Investments, LLC

**Fund inception date:** 06/30/1997

**Distribution frequency:** Monthly

**Fiscal year-end:** August 31

**Fund assets (\$M):** 1,916.36

**Morningstar category:** High Yield Bond

Share class information	Class inception date	30-day SEC yield <sup>5</sup>	30-day SEC unsubsidized		NAV	YTD high-low NAV	Class assets (\$M)
			yield <sup>5</sup>	NAV			
Institutional Shares	11/30/2012	6.24%	6.17%	\$7.83	\$7.84/\$7.75	\$1742.37	
Administrator Shares	7/30/2010	6.09%	5.90%	\$7.84	\$7.85/\$7.76	\$37.45	
Class A Shares	2/29/2000	5.75%	5.67%	\$7.84	\$7.85/\$7.77	\$113.22	
Class C Shares	3/31/2008	5.18%	5.10%	\$7.84	\$7.85/\$7.77	\$23.33	

All investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal. Bond values fluctuate in response to the financial condition of individual issuers, general market and economic conditions, and changes in interest rates. Changes in market conditions and government policies may lead to periods of heightened volatility in the bond market and reduced liquidity for certain bonds held by the fund. In general, when interest rates rise, bond values fall and investors may lose principal value. Interest rate changes and their impact on the fund and its share price can be sudden and unpredictable. High yield securities and junk bonds have a greater risk of default and tend to be more volatile than higher-rated securities with similar maturities. Consult the fund's prospectus for additional information on these and other risks.

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Class A and Class C require a minimum initial investment of \$1000 and minimum subsequent purchase of \$100 for regular accounts.

Note: Not all Share Classes may be available at all firms.

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